

## **BUDGET BRIEFING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016; 1:00 P.M.**

**705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium**

### **Wrap-Up**

**Council members in attendance:** Kenneth Boudreaux (District 4 – Finance Chair), Bruce Conque (District 6– Finance Vice-Chair), Kevin Naquin (District 1), Jay Castille (District 2), Pat Lewis (District 3), Jared Bellard (District 5), Nanette Cook (District 7), and William Theriot (District 9)

**Absent:** Liz Hebert (District 8)

**Administration staff members in attendance:** Mayor-President Joel Robideaux, CAO Lowell Duhon, CFO Lorrie Touns, Controller Melinda Felps, Budget Manager Kerney Simoneaux, Financial Analyst Laura Grettner, Executive Secretary Emily Beard, Interim Police Chief Reginald Thomas, Fire Chief Robert Benoit, Community Development Director Shanea Nelson, Library Director Teresa Elberson, CIO Tonia Khosropour, Civil Service Director Adam Marcantel, Public Works Associate Director Terry Cordick, LUS Support Services Manager Andrew Duhon, Registrar of Voters Charlene Menard, and other staff members from various other departments and agencies.

**Council staff members in attendance:** Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council), Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk), and Liz Benoit (Administrative Assistant)

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**(Time: 1:05:41)** Finance Chair Kenneth Boudreaux called the budget briefing to order. He asked Jared Bellard to offer the invocation and called upon Vice-Chair Bruce Conque to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Boudreaux welcomed everyone to today's budget briefing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 FY (Fiscal Year) budget. Citizens were instructed that a green speaker form should be filled out in order to address the Council and be submitted to Council Clerk Veronica Williams. He stated that the proposed budget document has been posted to the LCG website on the Finance page. Chair Boudreaux reminded Council members that today's goal is to eliminate as many Wrap-Up items as possible, but identified the remaining possible actions that could be taken during today's briefing. A Council member may propose changing the budget by: (1) a general amendment, when the entire Council agrees on a recommendation/proposed amendment or (2) a separate amendment, when a Council member objects to a recommended budget change. Chair Boudreaux asked for any comments or remarks from Mayor-President Joel Robideaux and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lorrie Touns; however, no comments were offered by the Administration.

Chair Boudreaux referred to the attachment and list of items identified on the FY 16/17 General Amendments, Separate Amendments & Wrap-Up Requests At-A-Glance. At the prior requests of Council members, the elimination of wrap-up discussion/requests (from the Pre-Wrap-Up list) includes items 1, 3, 4, 15, 16, and 20. Chair Boudreaux commenced a review of the remaining wrap-up discussions/requests.

#11 – William Theriot requested that this wrap-up request be pulled.

#2 & #19 – Vice-Chair Conque requested that these wrap-up requests be pulled.

#12 – Mr. Bellard requested that this wrap-up request be pulled.

[Separate Amendments] Chair Boudreaux reviewed the three (3) separate amendments. The noted objections to these separate amendments remain. There was no change to the list of separate amendments.

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY CASTILLE – To add one (1) Animal Caretaker (1205-9) in Animal Control and to adjust manning tables accordingly. Also to add the promotional cost related to this apprenticeship position to Promotion Costs.\*\***

*Note: The above general amendment clears Wrap-Up Request #18*

#14 – Vice-Chair Conque requested that this wrap-up request be pulled.

[General Amendments] Chair Boudreaux then asked if there were any comments/changes to the general amendments.

#10 – Mr. Castille removed his request for the amendment and pulled the item.

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY CONQUE – To add one (1) Technical Specialist, one (1) Library Technical Supervisor, one (1) Librarian I, and one (1) Librarian II, and to adjust manning tables accordingly.\*\***

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX – Transfer \$30,000 from line item 20 (Page 259) GEN MOUTON-TAFT RO to a newly created line item in the Public Works 5-Year Capital for Castille Street turning lanes.\*\***

*Note: The above general amendment clears Wrap-Up Request # 5.*

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX – Reduce line item 4011100 77060-0 RESERVE CAPITAL (Page 123) by \$50,000 in FY 2015-2016 and increase allocation to the same line item in the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget to \$50,000; transfer \$60,370 from line item 20 (Page 259) GEN MOUTON-TAFT RO to line item 4011100 77060-0 RESERVE-CAPITAL (Page 123); transfer \$100,000 from 401174003000170 SLCC line item (Page 272) to line item 4011100 77060-0 RESERVE-CAPITAL (Page 123). This would zero out funding for SLCC.\*\***

*Note: The above general amendment clears Wrap-Up Requests #7 and #21.*

#6 & #13 – Mr. Theriot, on behalf of Liz Hebert, requested that these wrap-up requests be pulled.

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BELLARD – At the request of the CFO, this amendment was offered to move funding for a RPL Midsize SUV-1 in Athletic Programs (Section 6130) of \$28,000 to fund a RPL Park Police Vehicle-1 in Centers & Programs (Section 6140).\*\***

**NEW – \*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY CONQUE – At the request of the CFO, this amendment was offered to change the FY 17 proposed budget for the Software Maintenance-Assessor line items to the FY 16 adopted budget amount. Add a revenue line item for the Lafayette Parish Assessor to cover the additional cost of \$3,000. To balance all funds.\*\***

*Note: The above general amendment clears Wrap-Up Request #17*

#22 & #23 – Chair Boudreaux requested that these wrap-up requests be pulled.

#8 – Vice-Chair Conque requested that this wrap-up request be pulled; however, he intends to follow up with the Public Works Department for a possible amendment.

#9 – Pat Lewis requested that this item be pulled.

#10 – Mr. Theriot requested more details as it relates to the Doc Bonin facility, to which Andrew Duhon responded. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Theriot requested that this item be pulled.

Chair Boudreaux reviewed the three (3) separate amendments again; however, the noted objections to these amendments still remain.

► **Comments from the Public**

No citizens signed in to address the Council.

Chair Boudreaux stated that budget briefings were concluded and the Council would consider final adoption of the proposed budget during a special joint meeting of the Council and the LPUA on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., with a special LPPA meeting immediately following. He encouraged public participation and comment at this meeting.

There being no further business, the briefing was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.